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Sir:

Enclosed are the following documents:

- 1) this Transmittal Letter;
- 2) Response to Restriction Requirement;
- 3) Return Postcard for this transmittal.



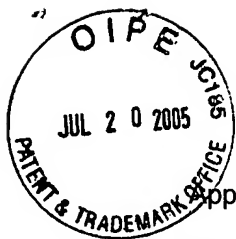
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 17, 2005 containing a restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects Species I (Embodiment of Figures 1-4B) for prosecution on the merits. It is submitted that Claims 1-9, 17-29, 34-38, 42, 43, 44, 51-59, and 62-67 are readable on Species I (Figures 1-4B).

The Examiner required election between Species I (Embodiment of Figures 1-4B), Species II (Embodiment of Fig. 5), Species III (Embodiment of Figs. 6-8), Species IV (Embodiment of Figs. 9-10C), and Species V (Embodiment of Fig. 11).

Applicant reserves the right to file continuing applications directed to the non-elected claims.

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